SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

March 19th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

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When our Lord spoke of His people as being His sheep, He was not teaching that every one in the world is a candidate to become a sheep; He was teaching us that among the masses of humanity you will find only two types of people; people that *are* His sheep and people that are *not* His sheep. It is through the preaching of the Gospel that His people will be made to hear His voice, they will savingly believe and follow Him; and because He is the *author* and *finisher* of their salvation, they shall never perish. Heavenly Father, he who has ears to hear (your elect) let them to ever hear your Son by your Spirit. AMEN! [Luke 8:4-18] — JDM

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Sandra Murphy, March 29th

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Whatever God Does Is Right

"…Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
(Genesis 18:25)

SHALL *not the Judge of all the earth do right?* This is what Abraham said to the Lord when he found out the Lord was going to destroy Sodom. Abraham had prayed that Sodom might be preserved for the sake of ten righteous men. Abraham was sure of this…whatever the Lord does is right! He does not do it because it is right, it is right because He does it! There are so many questions that arise in our mind. "Why did the Lord let that happen?" "Why does it seem that so few are saved?" "What happens to infants and mentally disabled people when they die?" We could go on and on with questions that arise in all of our minds. But there is no need to become stressed concerning any of them because we have this blessed assurance. *"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"* Yes, He shall! Whatever He does is right. I may not understand what He is doing, but I do understand that whatever He does, and however He does it, is right. [AMEN!] — Todd Nibert

Blessed Preaching

"…Salvation is of the LORD."
(Jonah 2:9)

BLESSED is the preacher who can shut men up to free and sovereign grace and yet lovingly, sincerely invite all men to look to Christ and be saved. Blessed is the preacher who knows that *"Salvation is of the LORD,"* who has the patience to wait upon the Lord to regenerate, awaken, and call his hearers; yet he prays for their deliverance, urges them to close with Christ, and beseeches them to *"be reconciled to God"* (2 Corinthians 5:20-21). Blessed is the preacher who can preach with equal force and confidence both the preservation and the perseverance of believers. He will not "turn away from us and we will not depart from Him" [Matthew 28:20, 1 Peter 1:5]. Blessed is the preacher who can rejoice in imputed righteousness; "with His holy garments on, I am as spotless as His dear Son;" and yet, along with his congregation, hunger and thirst for spiritual growth and personal godliness. Blessed is the preacher who can find and preach both *justification* and *sanctification* at Calvary. We do not go to Calvary for justification and then to Sinai for sanctification; we are *"complete in Him"* (Colossians 2:10). Blessed is the preacher who can preach prophetical truth in such a way that his hearers are looking for the returning Christ and not only the return of Christ. Blessed is the preacher who administers believers' baptism, presides at the Lord's table, and oversees the business of the Lord's church, not according to the "way we do it in our circles and according to our custom and tradition," but *according* to the Word of God. It may be that if preachers and people return to the Scriptures, someone will ask, "What kind of church is this?" And we can answer, "It is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which He loved and purchased with His own blood and of which He is the sole Head." [AMEN!] — Henry Mahan

"…by grace ye are saved…"

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8)

SALVATION, from start to finish, is the work of God's free grace in Christ. Grace planned the way of salvation by the Substitutionary Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was Grace that chose those who would be saved in eternal election. Grace brought the Lord Jesus Christ down from Heaven to die in our place at Calvary. Grace calls sinners to Christ by its irresistible power. Grace gives us life. Grace preserves us in life. And that same grace of God will present us holy and without blame before the presence of His glory in heaven. All the blessings of Grace in Salvation come to all of God's people *"Through faith."*

Faith is not our Saviour. Christ alone is the Saviour of His people. But faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is necessary unto salvation. Every one of God's elect looks to Christ in faith and receives salvation from Him. Faith is the channel through which salvation comes. Faith is *"not of* [ourselves]*: it is the gift of God." Grace* is the *gift* of God, *Salvation* is the *gift* of God, and *Faith* is the *gift* of God. None of these things can be attributed to us. We believe according to the working of God's almighty power within us. Faith is not the work *of* the sinner; it is the work of God *in* the sinner. [AMEN!] — Milton Howard

The Believer's Rule Of Life

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I LEFT the pulpit one night and a fellow asked me, "Do you believe 'the law' to be a believer's rule of life?" He seemed surprised when I told him I did not. His very next question was, "How do you know how to live?" I told him immediately that I lived just as the Apostle Paul, "The life that I now live, I live by *THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD*," (Galatians 2:20). This was the rule of life for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Abel and all others who have nothing but Jesus Christ to live upon. Someone would say, "You mean you live as you want to?" I wish I could: I'd be filled with the Spirit, I would never sin again, all my motives would be pure, I'd be delivered from this body of death. Oh, I wish I could live just like I want to. The closest thing I have found to living just like I'd like to is living by faith upon Jesus Christ the Dear and Blessed Son of God. [AMEN!] — Bruce Crabtree